(b) whether there is any proposal to link them by high power transmission line; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the approximate cost of the proposed line and by when it is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI (a) to (c) A 400KV D/C line having a route length of 178 kms. between Ramagundam and Chandrapur is being constructed by the National Thermal Power Corporation under the Central Transmission Line Project-I. The estimated cost of the transmission line and associated sub-stations is about Rs. 24.70 crores and the line is targeted for completion by January, 1991.

Petro Chemical Project in Tamil Nadu

1500. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Petro Chemical Industrial Units in industrially backward districts of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) At present no application to set up Petro Chemical Projects in industrially backward districts of Tamil Nadu has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

Joint Venture Petrochemical Projects

1501. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 100 per cent export oriented Linde-R.P. Goenka Petrochemical proposals had been cleared by the Central Government;

(b) whether there is a joint collaboration with the West Germany;

(c) if so, what are the main features of the projects; and

(d) at which place the project will be set up and what are the other details of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) A letter of intent was issued on 16.3.89 to M|s. Linde Aktiengesellschaft for the setting up of a naphatha cracker in Madras under the 100 per cent export oriented scheme for the manufacture of 4,50,000 tpa of ethylene and 2,25,000 tpa of propylene etc. This letter of intent is subject to a number of conditions including the following:

"The letter of intent shall be valid for one year within which period you shall submit feasibility report. The viability of the period shall be established including tying up of specific export markets to the satisfaction of the Government within one year of the issue of this letter of intent."

Coal mining project in West Bengal

1502. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have recently received communications from the Government of West Bengal regarding Coal mining projects in Raniganj Coal field area;

(b) if so, when and what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?